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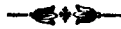
Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

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## A Bill,

Supplementary to an act, intituled “ An act authorizing the erection of a bridge over the river Potomac, within the district of Columbia.”

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1    *Sec. 1. BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2    *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so*  
3    much of the act, to which this is a supplement, passed on the 5th  
4    day of February, in the year 1808, as requires “that six feet of  
5    the width of said bridge on one side shall be appropriated to the  
6    purpose of a foot way for foot passengers, and shall be separat-  
7    ed from the carriage way by a good and sufficient railing, at least  
8    four feet high,” be, and the same is hereby repealed; and that, in-  
9    stead thereof, there be a way for foot passengers on each side of  
10   the said bridge ; which foot ways shall each be at least        feet  
11   wide, and separated from the carriage way by a good and sufficient  
12   railing, at least        feet high.

1     Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said company shall  
 2 not be required to light and keep burning the lamps which are not  
 3 at the draw, during the time the moon shall give light, any thing  
 4 in the act to which this is a supplement to the contrary thereof  
 5 notwithstanding.

1     Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That so much of the said  
 2 act, to which this is a supplement, as requires the said company to  
 3 elect both a clerk and a treasurer, be, and the same is hereby re-  
 4 pealed; and that the said company be, and they are hereby au-  
 5 thorized to abolish one of the said offices, or to unite them in one,  
 6 as they may deem most expedient.

1     Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That for a toll house, and  
 2 other buildings and improvements, for the use of the said Wash-  
 3 ington bridge company, a part of Maryland avenue, as hereafter  
 4 described and set forth, be, and the same is hereby appropriated  
 5 and conveyed to the said Washington bridge company, so long  
 6 as the said company shall exist: to wit, all that part of Maryland  
 7 avenue, or other public street, beginning

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 11 and all and singular the above described part of Maryland avenue,  
 12 or other public street, together with all and singular the buildings,  
 13 inclosures, or other improvements, now erected or made, or which  
 14 may hereafter be erected or made by the said company thereon,

15 with the appurtenances, shall be deemed, taken, considered, and  
16 used by the said company, their officers or agents, as an appur-  
17 tenance to the said bridge; and any act, trespass, misdemeanor,  
18 crime, or offence, done or committed within any such building or  
19 buildings, improvement or improvements, shall be of the same de-  
20 gree, and punished in like manner, and be subject to the same civil  
21 process, suit or action, as if the same had been done or commit-  
22 ted in a dwelling house; and any person guilty of stealing the in-  
23 closures of the said company, or of any part thereof, on the above  
24 described part of Maryland avenue, or other public street, may be  
25 prosecuted therefor by indictment or information, and be punished  
26 in the same manner as if he or she had been guilty of stealing  
27 goods, or personal property of the same value, and as if the said  
28 inclosures were not affixed, or appurtenant to, or a part of the free-  
29 hold.

1     *Sec. 5. And be it further enacted,* That if any person shall  
2 wilfully injure or destroy, or cause to be injured or destroyed, the  
3 said bridge or any part thereof, or of the abutments thereof, or of  
4 the railing or lamp posts, or lamps, or of the toll-house, or other  
5 building appurtenant to the said bridge, or any other thing apper-  
6 taining to the said bridge, or the boats, stages, or other property  
7 belonging to the said company, he or she, and his or her aiders,  
8 advisers and abettors, and each and every of them, may be prose-  
9 cuted therefor by indictment or information, in either county in  
10 the district of Columbia, and shall, upon conviction thereof in any

11 court having competent jurisdiction, forfeit and pay a fine not ex-  
12 ceeding ten thousand dollars, nor less than twenty dollars, and  
13 shall moreover suffer close imprisonment for a term not less than  
14 ten days, nor more than five years, and shall also be liable to pay  
15 all damages and costs, which may be recovered for such injury,  
16 destruction or trespass, in an action of trespass, or special action or  
17 actions on the case, or any other proper form of civil action which  
18 may be brought by the said Washington bridge company therefor :  
19 and if such offender shall be a negro or mulatto, or if the court  
20 shall think that such offender would be unable to pay the fine  
21 which they might impose on him or her, the court, before which  
22 the conviction shall be had, may, in lieu of the fine aforesaid, sen-  
23 tence him or her to be publicly whipped, not exceeding  
24 stripes.